(c) and (d) The Draft Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005, introduced by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the Parliament, has the provisions of rights of Scheduled Tribes on forest land and minor forest produce. The Draft Bill does not deal with the development of forest wealth.

Environmental clearance for residential and non-residential projects

2636. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether draft notification issued on 15th September, 2005 proposes certain restrictions and prohibitions on the construction of all residential and non-residential projects and the developement of new townships and real-estate developers have to seek prior environmental clearance;

(b) whether the demand has been made to exempt residential complex and individual IT parks from the notification;

(c) if so, whether suitable amendment is being made in the notification;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The draft notification issued on 15th September, 2005 proposes certain restrictions and prohibitions only on construction of residential and non-residential projects with built up area/activity area of 20,000 sq. meters or more and on the development of new townships located in an area of 50 ha. or more.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) A large number of objections/suggestions have been received in response to the draft Environment Impact Assessment notification published on 15.09.2005 and the final notification in respect of new regulation can be issued only after consideration of all the objections/ suggestions.